

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 1. This sheet replaces the original sheet. In Figure 1, previously omitted phrase "prior art" has been added.

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 2. This sheet replaces the original sheet. In this sheet a dashed line illustrating how the parts fit together has been added. This sheet also includes editorial changes to help with clarity regarding assembly of the device.

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 3. This sheet, which includes Figs. 3 and 4, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4. In Figure 3, line 1-1 has been amended to line 4-4.

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 4. This sheet, which includes Figs. 3 and 4, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 3 and 4. In Figure 4, reference number "126" has been amended "127". Fig. 4 also now includes portions of the inner fender wall 18 and mounting plate 24 to further illustrate the cooperation between the upper plate and the fender wall and fillet 103 as requested by the Examiner.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 9 has been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

In the specification, the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 19 has been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

In the specification, the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 18 has been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

In the specification, the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 5 has been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

In the specification, page 3, line 4, "things," has been changed to "things:".

In the specification, page 3 line 8, ",however" has been changed to ";however".

In the specification, page 14 line 21, "drivers" has been changed to "driver's".

In the specification, page 17 line 3, "a" has been added before "Strut".

In the specification, page 20 line 3, the numerical designator 103 has been added. The designator refers to amended Fig. 4 which illustrated the fillet is a segment of a radius. Fillets are commonly formed during the bending of sheet metal components as it is difficult to form perfect right angles without fracturing or tearing the sheet metal. In addition, fillets are used to add strength the finished sheet metal assembly.

In the specification, page 21 line 7, "a" has been added before "substantially".

In the specification, page 23 line 18, has been replaced with "103" to illustrate the fillet.

The paragraph beginning at page 23, line 21, discusses in general terms the features taken from claims 6 and 7 as originally submitted.

In amended Figure 1, the previously omitted phrase "Prior Art" has been added.

In amended Figure 2, a dashed line showing how the parts fit together has been added. In addition, Fig. 2 includes illustrative changes to clarify assembly of the device. Fig. 2 also now includes the threaded nuts.

In amended Figure 3, line 1-1 has been amended to line 4-4.

Applicant is uncertain as to the statement regarding a circular aperture in the lower left corner of plate 102 as shown in Fig. 3. Fig. 3 contains all elongated apertures, as shown in Fig. 3. New Fig. 3 is provided herewith to provide clarity.

Claims 1-17 remain in this application.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 1-17 are directed to allowable subject matter if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112 as set forth in the Office action.

In response to the Office Action of December 31, 2003, Applicant requests re-examination and reconsideration of this application for patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132.

Objections to the Claims

Claim 1 stands objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner states "there is no support for claim 1, lines 9-11 from the end of the claim", the Examiner's position is respectfully traversed. Claim 1, lines 9-11 from the end, as submitted, states "wherein said at least one aperture is constructed and arranged to cooperate with said drilled aperture, said second lower plate positioned parallel and juxtaposed to said bottom surface of said mounting member;". Support for this language can be found within the specification at page 23, line 21 which reads "Referring to Figures 9-10, the second lower plate 154 is illustrated. The second lower plate is generally rectangular and includes a beveled corner 156 and at least one aperture 146. In the preferred embodiment a fourth threaded fastener 148 extends through the fastener aperture 146 and the head of the fastener is secured to the lower side face 158 via weldment. The second lower plate 108 is positioned parallel and juxtaposed to the bottom surface of the mounting member 24 of the strut tower 14. The threaded fastener 148 has sufficient length to extend through the drilled aperture

126 in the mounting member of the strut tower and the upper plate 102. A threaded nut (not shown) cooperates with the fourth fastener to secure the upper plate in a selected position with respect to the strut tower." In addition, Fig. 2 has been amended to more clearly illustrate the assembly of the invention as requested by the Examiner.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Figure 2 has been amended to more clearly illustrate the assembly of the invention. Specifically, plates 106 and 108 have been rotated to illustrate that the bolt or stud of plate 108 aligns with aperture 126 while the bolts or studs of plate 106 align with the elongated slots 28 of the mounting plate.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, lines 11-12 and 13, "said upper end" has been amended to read "said top end".

Claim 1, line 23, has been amended to clarify that either the left or right camber slots respectively were being referred to.

Claim 1, lines 29-30, has been amended to "said at least two caster slots arranged to have substantially parallel axis with respect to each other and transverse axes with respect to said secondary camber slots of either of said left or said right strut axes respectively and spaced about ~~said~~ either of said left or said right strut axis respectively"

Claim 1, line 31, has been amended to "said secondary camber slots of either of said left or said right strut axes respectively and spaced".

Claim 1, line 41, has been amended to "for mounting said top end of [[a]] either said left or said right respective strut member.

Claim 1, lines 45-46, has been amended to "said bottom surface mounted juxtaposed to either of said left or said right mounting member top surfaces respectively;"

Claim 1, line 14 from the end, has been amended to "juxtaposed to said bottom surface of either said left or said right mounting member respectively;"

Fig. 2 has been amended to provide clarity and conciseness to the claims.

The paragraph beginning at page 23, line 21, has been amended to clarify the means for preventing rotation, no new matter was added.

Claim 7, line 5, has been amended to "a second drilled aperture located in either said left or said right mounting member of said left or said right strut tower respectively, wherein a threaded fastener extends downward through said respective mounting member".

Claim 8, last line, has been amended to "to permit extended movement of said upper plate with respect to said left or said right strut tower".

Claim 14, has been amended to "The suspension tuning kit as set forth in claim 1 wherein said camber adjustment range facilitates adjusting either said left or said right strut axis up to about three degrees."

Claim 15, has been amended to "The suspension tuning kit as set forth in claim 1 wherein said camber adjustment range facilitates adjusting either said left or said right strut axis from about 0 degrees to about -3 degrees."

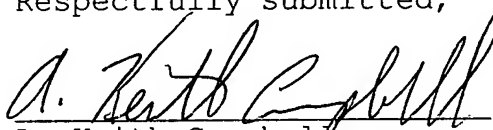
Claim 16, has been amended to "The suspension tuning kit as set forth in claim 1 wherein said caster adjustment facilitates adjusting either said left or said right strut axis up to about three degrees."

Claim 17, has been amended to "The suspension tuning kit as set forth in claim 1 wherein said caster adjustment facilitates adjusting either said left or said right strut axis from about +4 degrees to about +7 degrees."

SUMMARY

In light of the foregoing remarks, amendments to the specification and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner will now find the claims of the application allowable. Favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously requested. Should there be any remaining issues which can be resolved via an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

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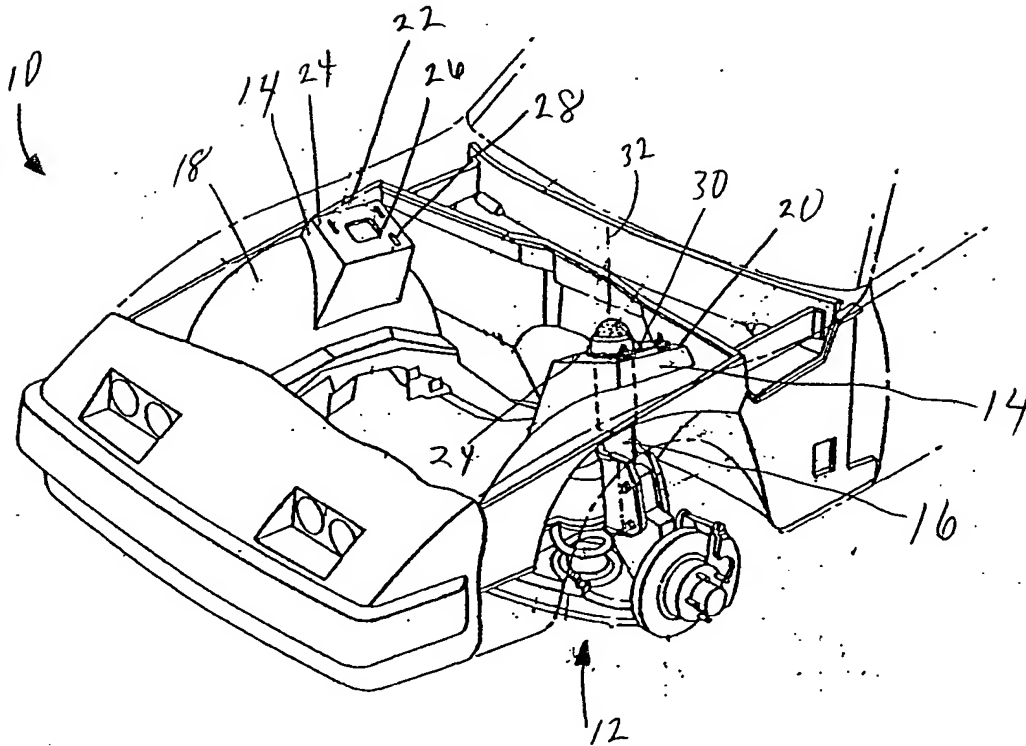


Figure 1
Prior art

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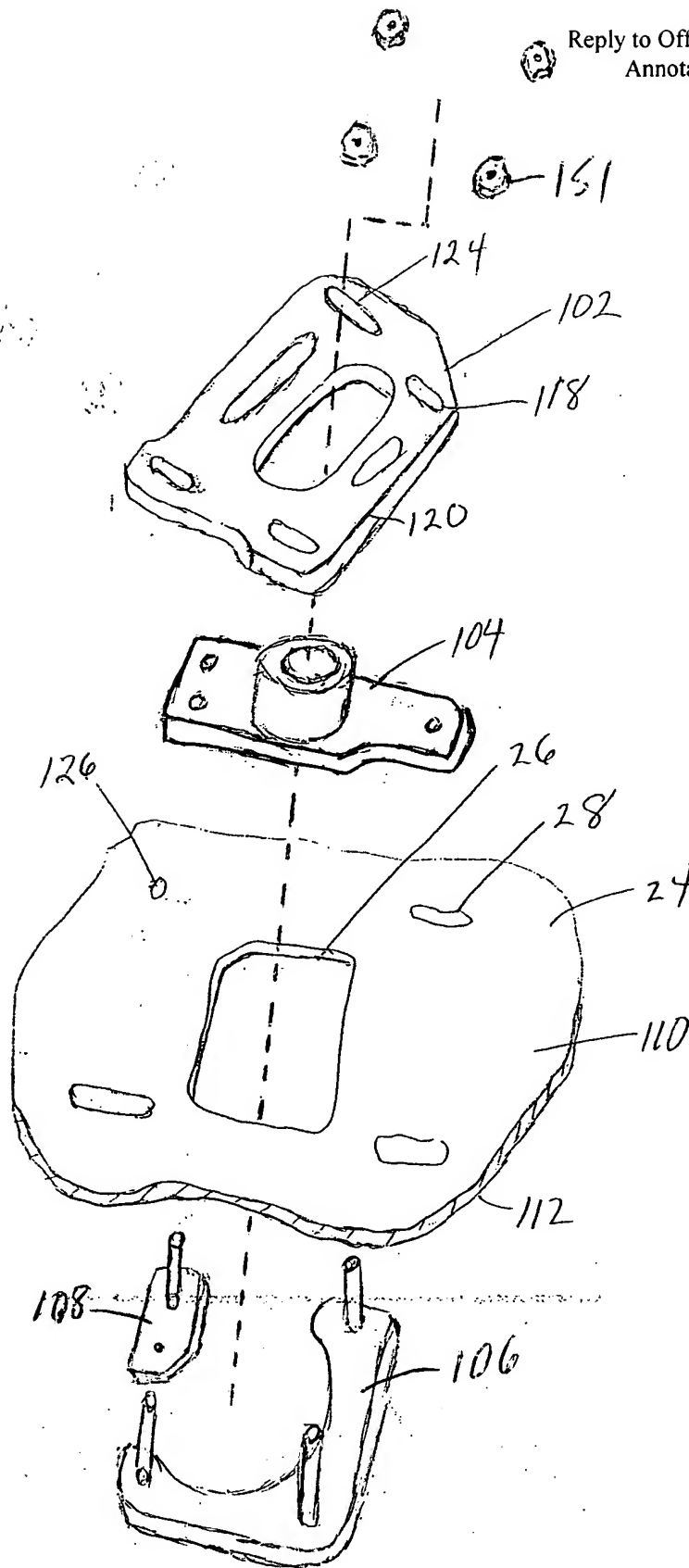


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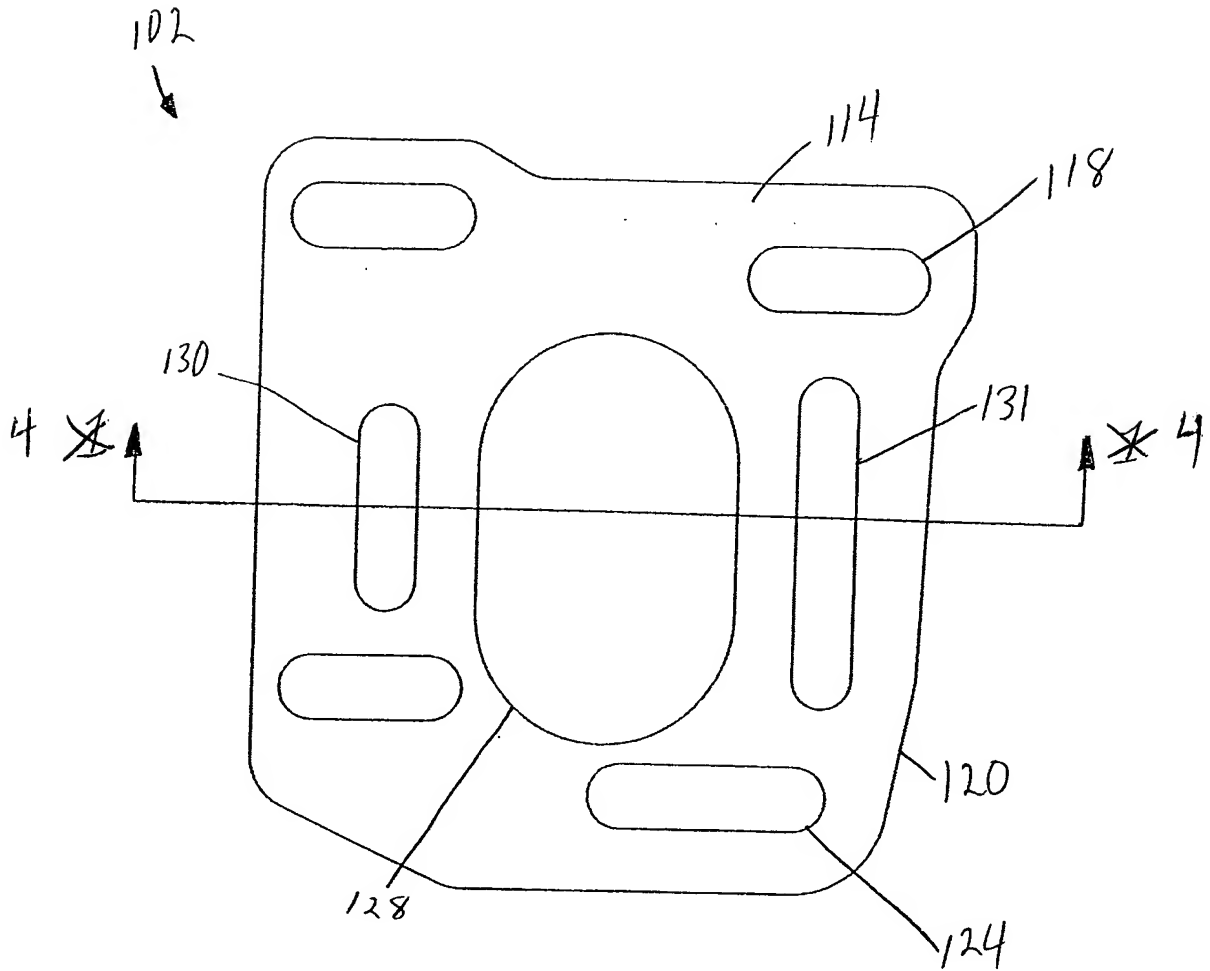


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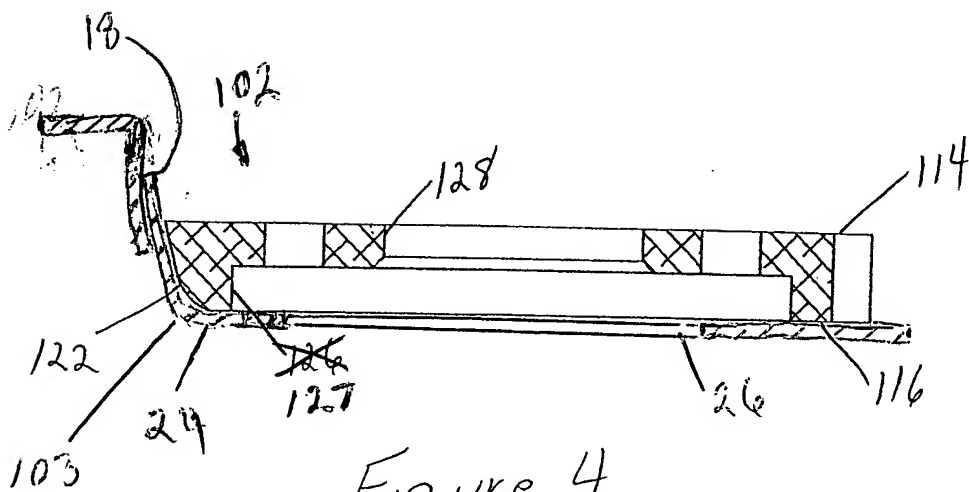


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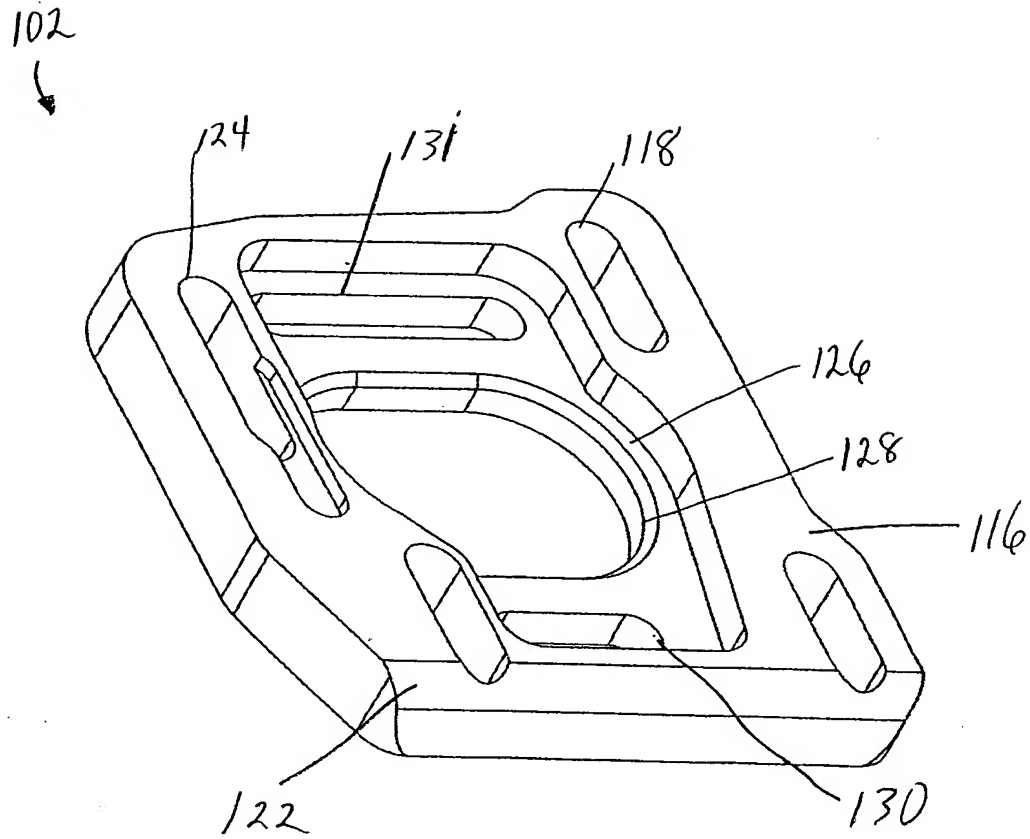


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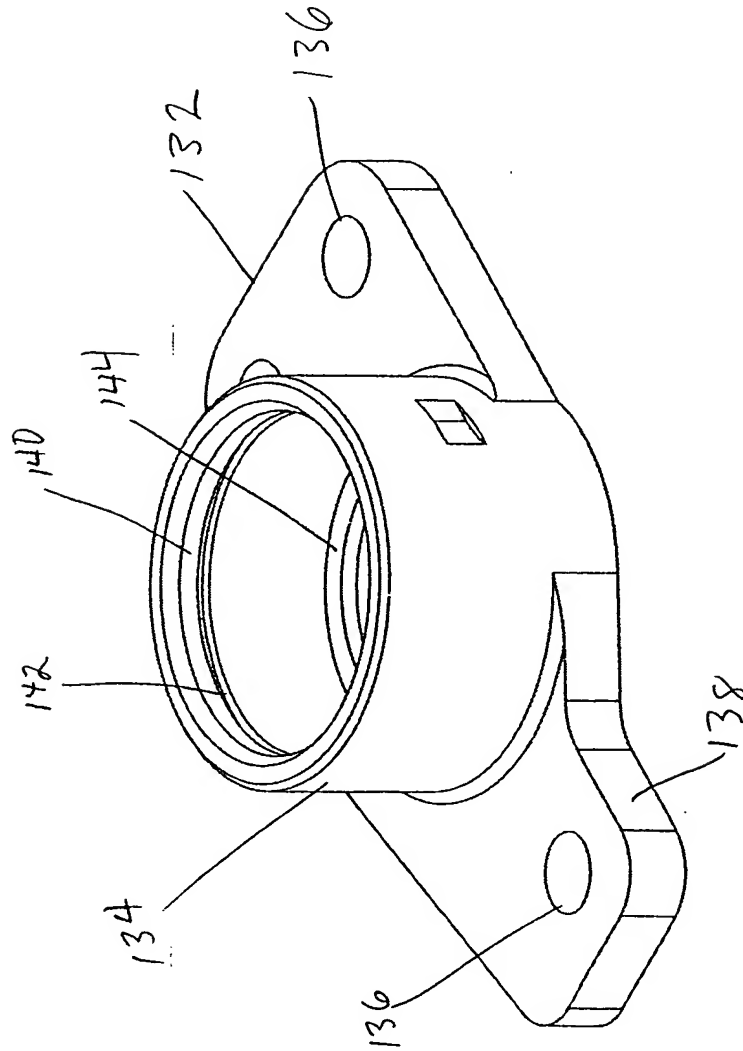


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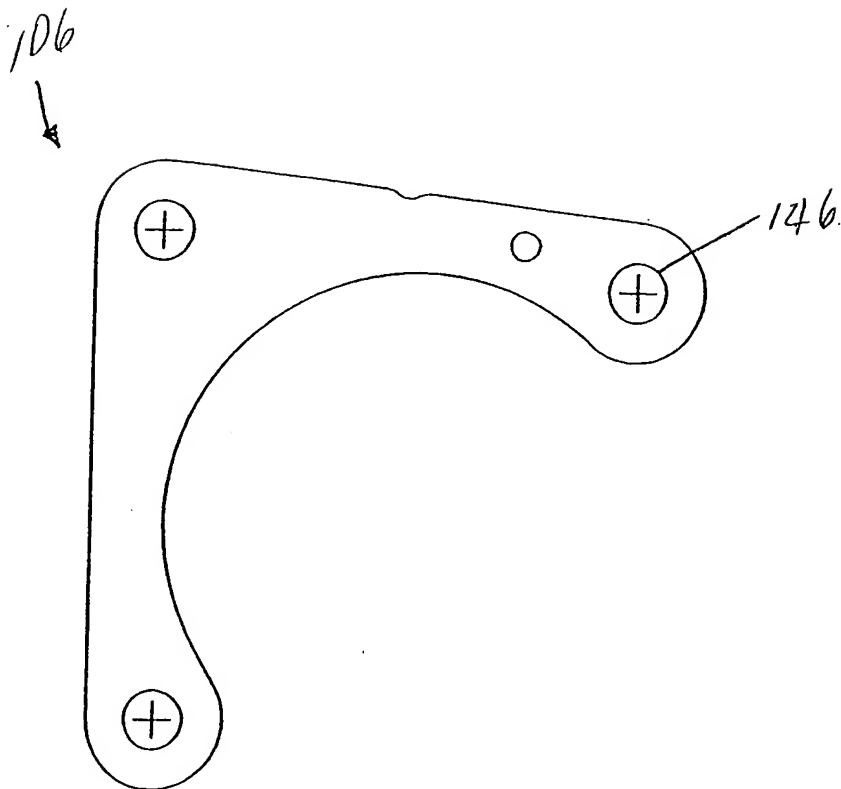


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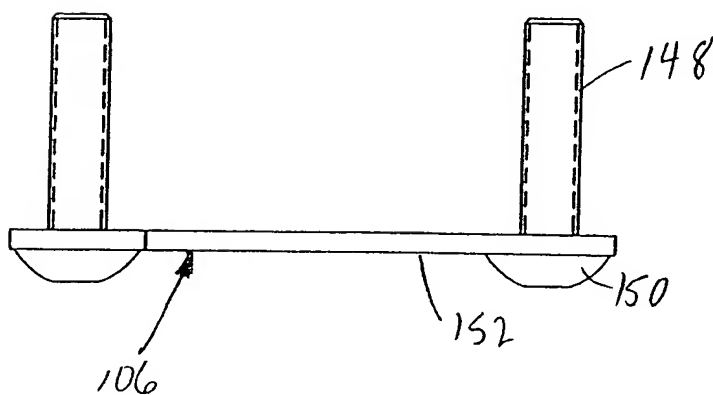


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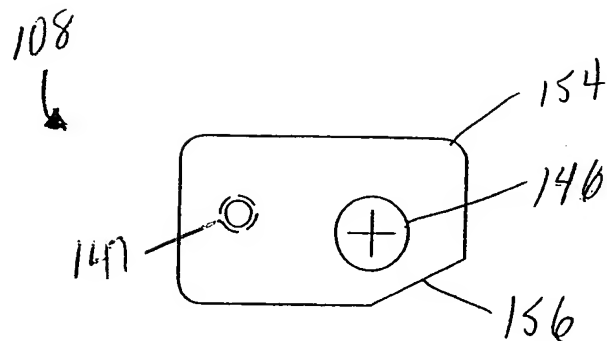


Figure 9

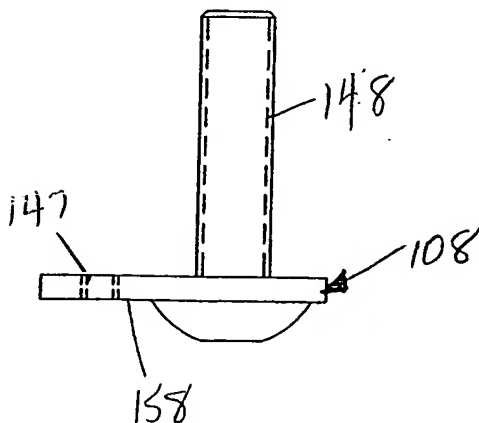


Figure 10